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SUBJ: ECUADOREAN PAPERS REPORT DELIVERY OF US PLANES TO PERU

1. ALL ECUADOREAN PAPERS JUNE 28 CARRIED WIRE SERVICE REPORTS DATELINED LIMA REPORTING THE DELIVERY OF 5 A-37B AIRCRAFT TO PERU. ARTICLES INDICATE THAT AIRCRAFT ARRIVED AT JORGE CHAVEZ AIRPORT AND WERE RECEIVED IN A MORE-OR-LESS PUBLIC CEREMONY BY GENERAL DANTE POGGI. HE IS QUOTED AS TYING THE ACQUISITION OF THESE AIRCRAFT TO THE PERUVIAN AIR FORCE PROGRAM TO REPLACE OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT.

2. COMMENT: WE ARE SURPRISED THAT THE GOP MADE SUCH A SPLASH OF THE DELIVERY OF THE A-37S, GIVEN ITS USUAL RETICENCE WITH REGARD TO ARMS DELIVERIES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY LIMA'S REACTION TO OUR PERCEPTION THAT THE INTENT WAS TO IMPRESS BOTH A DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCE WITH THE FACT THAT US-PERUVIAN MILITARY COOPERATION COUNTINUES. IF SO, THE ECUADOREAN CERTAINLY GOT THE POINT AND HAVE ALREADY DRAWN CONFIDENTIAL

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THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION TO A COMPARISON BETWEEN THIS APPARENT COOPERATION AND USG RELUCTANCE TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT TO ECUADOR. (SEE SEPTEL ON CONVERSATION BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND ARMY COMMANDER GENERAL DURAN.)
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